



Neurodivergence-Informed Psycholegal Professional (NIPP):

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Cost: \$149.00 | Training Hours: 14.0 hours

DESCRIPTION:

Neurodivergence describes a group of individuals with atypical patterns of brain functioning, including differences in cognition, sensory, and motor abilities. Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, learning difficulties (e.g., dyslexia), and traumatic brain injuries often fall under this umbrella.

Symptoms place these individuals at a higher risk of involvement in the criminal justice system (in roles ranging from suspect and defendant to victim and witness) than the general population. Complicating matters further, this population often struggles to navigate psycholegal processes, such as police interviews and interrogations, court proceedings, court-mandated treatment, incarceration, and community supervision.

Designed for professionals in criminal justice, forensic mental health, legal settings, and related fields, this microcredential program explores neurodivergence and the unique challenges neurodivergent individuals face within these systems.

Topics discussed will include intake, screening and assessment, treatment, case management, and communication and accommodation strategies. With advanced training and education on this important and complex topic, professionals in allied fields will be in a better position to support and understand clients with neurodivergent disorders involved in criminal justice, forensic mental health, and legal systems. They will also be better able to refer them to qualified and appropriately credentialed professionals in behavioral health, substance misuse, and forensic settings for the appropriate screening, assessment, and treatment.

This comprehensive program features 14 distinctive, on-demand one-hour training sessions on different topics. Compelling case studies and cutting-edge research findings will be shared throughout this program to emphasize key learning objectives.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Define neurodivergence and neurodivergent disorders.
- Identify common signs and symptoms of neurodivergent disorders.
- Understand the impact neurodivergent conditions have on criminal justice, forensic mental health, and legal settings.
- Learn neurodivergent-informed intake, screening, interviewing, and intervention approaches.

LOGISTICS:

Upon launch, on-demand sessions will be released monthly. Below are important points to know about this program:

- At launch, 5 one-hour training videos will be available, followed by an additional one-hour training video released monthly until all 14 videos have been published, at which point the entire program will be available.
- Participants will receive monthly automated email notifications when a new video is available.
- Training materials—such as individual course descriptions, handouts, agendas, and PDF post-tests—are available for each video under the *Training Materials* section.
- Each participant is eligible for a certificate of completion upon finishing all 14 videos and the final post-test. The post-test will be available once all videos have been released.
- Participants are encouraged to complete the PDF post-test after each training video while the information is fresh. Retaining these completed tests may help when preparing for the final electronic post-test.

- Once all 14 training videos have been released, participants will complete a final post-test followed by a certification exam. Those who pass both will be awarded the Neurodivergence-Informed Psycholegal Professional (NIPP) microcredential and a certificate of completion.
- Participants will retain access to all training videos through the NIPP on-demand training module.

MICROCREDENTIAL TRAININGS (Listed in order of release and recommended viewing):

1. Neurodivergent Disorders and the Criminal Justice System
2. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the Criminal Justice System
3. Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and the Criminal Justice System
4. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the Criminal Justice System
5. Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System
6. Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and the Criminal Justice System
7. Dyslexia and the Criminal Justice System
8. Neurodivergent Disorders and Vulnerability and Victimization: A Trauma-Informed Care Perspective
9. Neurodivergent Disorders and Executive Dysfunction
10. Neurodivergent Disorders and Adaptive Functioning Deficits
11. Neurodivergent Disorders and Social Cognition Deficits
12. Neurodivergent Disorders and Alexithymia
13. Neurodivergent Disorders: A Lifestyle Medicine Perspective
14. Neurodivergent Disorders and Neuroplasticity

PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS TO COMPLETING THE NIPP MICROCREDENTIAL:

Professional Credibility:

- Expand professional credentials.
- Create opportunities for career advancement.
- Strengthen professional value to employers, coworkers, and collaborators.
- Enhance visibility in professional circles.
- Reassure referral sources of advanced training in neurodivergent disorders.

Knowledge:

- Demonstrate dedication to learning and improvement.
- Maintain and refresh existing knowledge base.
- Learn about cutting-edge research findings.
- Gain an enhanced understanding of neurodivergent disorders and their implications for psycholegal settings.
- Improve client-focused skills in the areas of screening and intervention.
- Enhance preparedness to communicate with and help clients diagnosed with a neurodivergent disorder who are involved in psycholegal settings.
- Increase professional confidence.

Disclaimer: This microcredential training program is for general educational purposes only and is not intended to replace qualified professional care or advice.